

Municipality of the County of Inverness
Regular Council Meeting
Thursday, September 1, 2022
Council Chambers
3:00 pm

MINUTES

Council: Warden Bonny MacIsaac
 Deputy Warden Catherine Gillis
 Councillor Lynn Chisholm
 Councillor John MacLennan
 Councillor Claude Poirier
 Councillor Blair Phillips

Staff: Keith MacDonald, CAO
 Tanya Tibbo, Director of Finance
 Debbie Nicholson, Administrative Assistant to Council/CAO
 Charlotte MacDonald, Manager of Recreation
 Maura Beaton, Special Projects Facilitator

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Warden MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed all in attendance. Roll call was taken. Warden MacIsaac acknowledged that the land on which we gather is located in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *That the agenda be approved with the following addition: Item # 8 Recommendations – Port Hastings Land Use By-Law; Maximum Size Limitations on Accessory Buildings*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *That the Regular Meeting minutes of July 7th, 2022 be approved as amended: Item # 11 Next Meeting Date is July 14, 2022 not June 14, 2022.*

MOVED BY: Councillor MacLennan

SECONDED BY: Councillor Poirier

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Special Council Meeting minutes of July 14th, 2022 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of July 21st, 2022 be approved as presented.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

4. FCM RESOLUTION – CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING

The Canadian Federation of Municipalities provides a Green Municipal Funding Program that supports Municipalities through capacity building and funding in order to reduce pollution, improve energy efficiency and revitalize public infrastructure.

MOTION: *That the Municipality borrow the sum not exceeding \$600,000.00 from the Municipal Finance Corporation under the terms and conditions as outlined in the "GREEN MUNICIPAL FUND LOAN and GRANT AGREEMENT: GMF 17111".*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips

MOTION CARRIED

5. CELL COVERAGE

There are many areas within the Municipality where adequate cell service is unavailable. A recent submission to the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF-02902) was not approved due to the large volume of submissions.

MOTION: *That a letter be sent to the Federal Minister responsible for the Universal Broadband Fund regarding any future opportunities for improved cell coverage.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

6. CAPE BRETON ISLAND MUNICIPALITIES MEETING

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, Municipal Wardens, CAOs and elected officials on Cape Breton Island would meet annually to discuss common issues and concerns. There is consensus that the Municipality of the County of Inverness should participate in such an initiative again with the other

Cape Breton Island Municipalities.

7. CHARLOTTE MACDONALD; RECREATION SUMMER STUDENT PROGRAM

Four students were employed by the Municipality's Recreation and Community Wellness department during the summer of 2022; Hallie MacNeil, Sarah MacDonald, Taylor MacIsaac, and Neil MacLean. They assisted with department programming activities and social gatherings such as the youth race series, beach volleyball, floorball, teddy bear picnics, and guided hikes. The students also lent support to community events such as parades, summer festival road races, and track and field events.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- Charitable Tax Exemption - Assessment Account No. 02636506

MOTION: *That Council approve a charitable tax exemption of \$1640.10 for assessment account number 02636506 for the 2023 fiscal year. In addition, it is moved that council instruct staff to add this property for future consideration to the list of properties provided to council annually under Bylaw 35, Tax Exemption By-Law for Charitable Properties.*

MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm

SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

MOTION CARRIED

- Road Name Change Request

MOTION: *That an unnamed private lane off Mount Pleasant Big Brook Road in District 2 be renamed "Emerald Lane".*

MOVED BY: Councillor Phillips

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacLennan

MOTION CARRIED

- Port Hastings Land Use By-Law

MOTION: *That the Port Hastings Land Use By-law is hereby amended as follows:*

1) In Part 5 adding the following text in bold:

Accessory Buildings

Part 5.1

c) Accessory buildings with no windows or perforations on the side of the building which faces the said lot line, may be located a minimum of 2 feet from the said side or rear lot line in any residential zone.

(i) except for non-residential accessory buildings in Rural Mixed Use (RM-1) Zone or accessory buildings in an industrial zone, not exceed 15 feet in height;

- ii) not exceed 130 m² (1,400 ft²) in total floor area, or 5% of the total lot area, whichever is greater;*
- iii) be consistent in architectural style with the main building on the lot;*
- iv) not be built within 6 feet of the main building;*
- v) not be considered an accessory building if attached to the main building in any way; and;*
- vi) not be considered an accessory structure if located completely underground.*

MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis

SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm

MOTION CARRIED

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

Congratulations was received from the Nova Scotia Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage on the Municipality achievement as a finalist in the 2022 Community Better Challenge.

- Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia

Registration is now open for the Community Impact Conference to be held on October 8th, 2022 at the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre.

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities – RCMP Retroactive Costs

Correspondence was received from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) president Taneen Rudyk regarding contract policing and unbudgeted costs from the new RCMP collective agreement. Council is directing staff to write a letter to MP Kelloway in response to this correspondence.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

September 15th, 2022 9:30 am: Committee of the Whole

Recess: 3:50 pm – 4:00 pm

11. IN CAMERA

The purpose for this “in camera” session was to discuss matters relating to:

- Contract negotiations.

MOTION: *That Council move to "In Camera" at 4:01 pm*
MOVED BY: Councillor Poirier
SECONDED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council move out of "In Camera" at 4:28 pm*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: *That Council accept the Leachate Treatment Agreement among GFL Environmental Inc., the Town of Port Hawkesbury and the Municipality of the County of Inverness as presented.*
MOVED BY: Deputy Warden Gillis
SECONDED BY: Councillor Phillips
MOTION CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Council adjourn at 4:29 pm*
MOVED BY: Councillor Chisholm
MOTION CARRIED